

organized a form of society in which all these discordant elements have been brought into harmony. Where before there were tribes, there is now a State; where there were many warring leaders and hereditary chiefs of clans, there is now one supreme ruler; in the place of usage and tradition, there is the reign of law and order; and instead of a resistance of class fighting bravely but without concert, there is a well-organized system of defense, with concentration of powers and unanimity of action. It is an organization called forth by the exigencies of a state of perpetual war, and one wherein individual liberty is necessarily and rightfully sacrificed to the common independence.

The career of Schamyl, however, interesting as it is in the glowing pages of Mr. Mackie, yields in attractions to the pictures of social and domestic life in Circassia, of which a large portion of the volume consists. The scenes which they bring to light present a charming spectacle of primitive manners, untroubled by the worst vices of modern civilization, and though not without imperfections, on the whole, singularly favorable to the development of courage, truthfulness and manly heroism.

MARRIED, NOT MATED. BY ALICE CARY. 12mo., pp. 425. D. E. & J. JACKSON.

Alice Cary's prose writings exhibit little of the spontaneity, delicacy and pensive grace which characterize her poetry. She has occasional passages of admirable descriptive power, with touches of tender pathos, but she is wanting in the unity and constructive skill essential to a higher order of fiction composition. The present novel is free from the excess of coloring which vitiated the effects of "Hagar"; it does not aim at excitement by the painting of artificial horrors, and derives its materials, with some exceptions, from the natural and healthy scenes of common life. But the plot is destitute of consecutive interest, the two parts of which the story is composed have no obvious connection with each other, and the character-drawing, much of which is natural and excellent, fails to contribute to the development of any dramatic purpose. As a collection of sketches, the work challenges more cordial approval than as an attempt at connected novel writing. The introduction of Annette to Graham's mother, on her first visit to Woodside, is full of natural traits. The nondescript Ritchie is also brought forward on the same occasion under good auspices, and plays a conspicuous part in subsequent conversations. Whoever has witnessed the early budding of Spring in the country will recognize a piece of faithful description in the scenery of "Sugar-cane." Uncle Peter Throckmorton is not without a decided touch of exaggeration, but on the whole shows a type of character of which the readers are not very uncommon. Many of the passages in the story are purposely made to use a vulgar provincial dialect in keeping with their position, and their example seems in some cases to have exerted a bad influence on the writer's own phraseology.

JELLYS AND OTHER TALES FROM THE GERMAN. BY W. H. FURNACE. 12mo., pp. 300. Philadelphia: Parry & McMillan.

The accomplished translator of this volume has here collected several stories which have been received with public favor in the annual in which they originally appeared, together with one which is now published for the first time. They consist of a selection from the popular tales of Topffer and Zschokke, including "The Journal of a Poor Vicar" by the latter, a singularly touching story, founded on a fragment in an old number of the British Magazine, which is remarkable as containing the possible germ of the Vicar of Wakefield. Zschokke is well known to German students for the simplicity and naturalness of his charming compositions, but the merits of Topffer are probably less familiar to readers in this country. His stories are marked by quiet pathos, just delineation of character, and purity and ease of diction. Mr. Furness has brought to the task of translation not only a delicate perception of the idiomatic resources both of English and German, but what is still more important, a genuine sympathy with the spirit of the authors, which almost gives him the air of an original production. He has thus enriched our literature with a volume of more than passing interest, and one which the lovers of choice fiction will gladly welcome to a permanent place in their libraries.

A new volume of Hood's *Humorous Poems*, edited by Eves SARGENT, is published by Phillips, Sampson & Co., containing a variety of pieces now collected for the first time, including the contributions of the author to the London Magazine and the New Monthly Magazine, during his editorial connection with those periodicals. The admirers of Hood would not willingly miss any of his acknowledged productions from a collection of his writings, but the best specimens of his genius have become so familiar to the public, that the miscellaneous efforts of his less happy moments must suffer by comparison. This is the case, to a certain extent, with the contents of the present volume, although many of the poems are clear and sparkling with the unmistakable humor of "Hood's Own." The volume is brought out in an irreproachable style of typography.

The Hunter's Feast. by Capt. MAYNE REID, consists of five descriptive sketches of American Western life, apparently drawn from the personal experience of the author, but not without frequent embellishments of the imagination. Many of the narratives profess to have been taken from the lips of old hunters, and are marked by the easy exaggeration characteristic of their origin. They are, however, filled with exciting adventures, and are well adapted to set the young reader wild with passion for forest sports. (12mo., pp. 264. De Witt & Davenport.)

Home Studies. by REBECCA A. UPTON, is the title of a convenient manual of domestic economy, comprising a great deal of valuable practical information in a brief compass. It purports to be the fruit of lifelong observation and experience, and is well adapted to aid the efforts of the "American Woman," whose life is often spent partly in cities or Western prairies and Southern plantations, perhaps begun in affluence to be finally deprived of all but health and unflinching courage. (Crosby & Nichols. 12mo., pp. 242.)

The tenth volume of Munroe & Co.'s edition of *Shakespeare*, edited by Rev. H. N. HENSON, contains *Richard and Juliet*, *Hamlet*, and *Othello*. The introductory notices by the Editor are full of suggestive criticism, showing a profound appreciation of the creations of the poet, and expressed with the elaborate, scholarly gravity, which betrays the author's studies in the old school of English literature.

THE MAY MAGAZINES.

The first place in *Putnam* is filled by an account of the Kane Relief Expedition, describing the personal experience of the writer on that adventurous voyage, with a rich flow of humor, as well as with picturesque freshness of narrative. The old union of a wolf-like voracity with "elevated courtesy" in the manners of certain Esquimaux families, whose hospitable attentions were shared by the author, is illustrated by a few natural touches of peculiar significance. Nathan Hale, the martyr of the Revolution, is the subject of a historical paper, written in a clean, healthy style, and presenting a bright miniature view of his noble career. A learned criticism on Ruskin accords a meed of discriminating praise to that brilliant and profound, but often wrong-headed, connoisseur. "A Night at Naples" betrays the hand of one of our liveliest tourers in its charming pictures of every day Italian life. "Napoleon Bonaparte as a Family Man" is shown up from his own correspondence, by a writer of consummate tact in dealing with evidence, but not free from a scholastic delight in exposing the personal shortcomings of "the great tyrant." A review of "King's Poems" presents an appreciative estimate of his

position as a worthy compeer of Tennyson, Browning, and Longfellow. The number closes with the usual complement of "Editorial Notes," filled with useful criticisms on the literature, art, and social features of the month. The portion especially devoted to "The World of New-York" is marked by a brilliant gaiety of manner, which forms an admirable framework for its wise and genial humors.

The most important article in *Graham* is an elaborate critique on *Lewes's Life of Goethe*, written with considerable ability, but whether original or selected, the reader is not informed. A biographical sketch of Sully and Leslie is given in a new chapter of "Art and Artists in America," by Mrs. Estelle Lewis, who also contributes several sonnets from the Italian of Petrarch. There are also poems by Paul Hayne, Alice Cary, Stoddard and others. Stoddard's characteristic piece would have been recognized without his signature.

ROSES AND THORNS. BY R. H. STODDARD. The young child Jennie had a garden Full of roses, rare and red; And three a day he watered them, To make a garden for his head! When they were full blown in the garden, He led the Jewish children there, And each did pluck himself a rose, Until they stripped the garden bare!

"And now how will you make your garden?" For not a rose you pluck adorn." "But you forget," he answered them, "That you have left me still the thorn." They took the thorn, and made a garden, And placed it on the shining lawn; And where the roses should have shone, Were little drops of blood instead!

The publication of *Graham* has been transferred to the house of Watson & Co., who express a confidence that they will be able "to place it in the front rank of our national periodical literature." In *Harper* for this month we have the usual variety of illustrated articles, comprising "A Visit to the Silver Mines of Central America," "Commodore Perry's Expedition to Japan," and a chapter of natural history devoted to "The Gnuers." "Martha Wyatt's Life" is the title of a fragmentary story, betraying a deeper insight into human experience and a finer subtlety of expression than are often met with in our current literature. The grave article of this number treats of "The American Pulpit," and with grim conservative obstinacy persists in limiting the themes of sacred eloquence to the doctrines of religion. This secularization of the pulpit is one of the crying evils of the times, as the writer maintains, and is accountable for not a little superficial theology and disgusting rhetoric. The brilliant "Easy Chair," with its accustomed sparkle, relieves these thorny discussions in its pleasant talk on various reigning themes.

The *Knickerbocker* holds its own so uniformly as to make common superfluous. "My Later Acquaintance" contains a series of agreeable reminiscences of famous men in the more recent history of New York, by Abraham Elderly, and the chapter of "Life Pictures" shows a certain truthfulness of feeling not always attained by our popular magazines. Of the numerous poetical contributions, McEllen's "Early October," "Padella," "Sonnet on Pinto," "My Stuffed Owl," by Mrs. Sigourney, and Jenny Marsh's "Magdalen" may be noted with commendation. In the "Editor's Table" we find fresh communications from the ever-welcome "Up River" and "Lake Shore" correspondents, and an unusually profuse supply of precious witticisms for "The Little People's Side Table."

The *Bellevue Magazine* has a tempting selection from the recent English periodicals, including "The Life and Writings of Henry Boyle," "Alexandre Dumas," "George IV. and Mrs. Fitzherbert," "The Academic Career of Alexander Humboldt," and others. The number is embellished by a portrait of Samuel Rogers, who is represented with a certain softness and benignity of feature not in keeping with the cynical, satirical disposition which is said to have been one of the chief ornaments of his character.

Blackwood opens with an old story discussion on "The Laws Concerning Women," grows lively and gamester in "War and Woodcraft," extols Alton as the prince of modern historians, and virtually praises Prescott by a careful abstract of several of the most important chapters of his *Philip II.* The remainder of the number is occupied with the heavy discussions which now fill too large a space in *Blackwood*.

The *Christian Examiner* opens with a parallel between Washington and Goethe—two names which the writer probably places in juxtaposition for the first time. The article discusses the comparative value of genius of character and genius of intellect, of which the American patriot and the German poet are considered as representative men. An able digest of Macaulay's History, with a highly-favorable estimate of his literary character, is given in an elaborate paper. Thackeray's claims as a novelist are subjected to a fresh examination, severely censuring the tendency of his writings in an ethical point of view. The article is caustic, unrelenting, and skillfully argued, but in our opinion one-sided and inconclusive. The number is closed with a variety of short literary notices, which, as usual in *The Examiner*, are considerable and judicious. (Sold by C. S. Francis & Co.)

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Wash-Burn. The Early Days in the North West. By John H. Knapp. 8vo. pp. 320. D. E. & J. JACKSON. **Eight and Sixty.** By Rev. Preserved and Lost. By J. Henry Clark. 12mo. pp. 542. C. Scribner. **Manuscript.** By J. H. Knapp. 8vo. pp. 240. D. E. & J. JACKSON. **De Witt & Davenport.** **Aspenwood.** 12mo. pp. 48. Livermore & Rand. **The Right Way.** By J. H. Knapp. 8vo. pp. 320. D. E. & J. JACKSON. **Individuals and Nations.** By Rev. Joseph A. Collier. 12mo. pp. 368. American Tract Society. **Berenson's Novel.** By Edward C. Goodwin. 12mo. pp. 183. Mason Brothers.

A Commentary on the Epistle to the Ephesians. By Charles Hodge, D. D. 8vo. pp. 306. Robert Carter & Brother. **Home Studies.** By Rebecca A. Upton. 12mo. pp. 244. Crosby, Bangs & Co. **Brooklyn's Dramatic Works.** With Memoir of the Author, by R. Shelton Mackintosh. 8vo. pp. 320. D. E. & J. JACKSON. **French's American History.** By Caroline Chesnut. 12mo. pp. 512. Redfield. **Introduction to Social Science.** By Geo. H. Colver. 12mo. pp. 120. The Same. **Pictures of Travel.** Translated from the French of H. Helme, by C. L. Leland. 4to. Philadelphia: John W. & Co. **A System of Moral Science.** By Laurens P. Hick. D. D. Third Edition. 12mo. pp. 418. Iverson & Phinney. **Poems by Gold P.** Second Edition. 12mo. pp. 350. Davenport & Co. **John's History.** By J. H. Knapp. 8vo. pp. 320. D. E. & J. JACKSON. **Abbie Nutt and other Knobs.** By Katharine. 12mo. pp. 342. The Same. **The Lady's Guide to Perfect Gentility.** By Emily Thornwell. 12mo. pp. 324. D. E. & J. JACKSON. **The Shaker's Daughter.** 12mo. pp. 108. Boston: James Munroe & Co. **The British Encyclopedia.** Vols. 12-13. (The Rambler and the Gracioso.) Boston: Little, Brown & Co. **Memorial of Luther Severance.** 8vo. pp. 34. Augusta, Me. Hilditch & Co. **Rev. Sir Archibald Alison.** From Rev. Hilditch & Co.

THE TURF.

UNION COURSE, LONG ISLAND—TROTTING—Tuesdays, May 1, 1856.—Match \$200, mile heats to winners.
W. Bennett names a. D. W. 1
Mr. Thomas names a. N. 2
Time: 2:37-2:50-3:01.

RED HOUSE PLEASURE GROUNDS—TROTTING—Tuesdays, May 1, 1856.—Mile heats, best 3 in 5 to saddle.
C. H. Walton enters a. N. Emma Jane. 1
J. Somerville enters a. F. 2
Time: 2:37-2:50-3:01.

UNION COURSE, LONG ISLAND—TROTTING—Saturdays, April 26, 1856.—Match \$200, mile heats to winners.
J. Conway names a. B. 1
J. H. H. names a. N. 2
Time: 2:37-2:50-3:01.

TROTTING AT HARLEM, N. Y.—April—Match \$200, mile heat.
N. Irving names a. N. Sally Miller. 1
J. P. Jones names a. N. 2
Time: 2:37-2:50-3:01.

Match \$200. Single dash of mile to winners.
O. W. Bennett names a. N. 1
O. W. Bennett names a. N. 2
Time: 2:37-2:50-3:01.

Match \$200. The same race over again between the same parties.
M. H. Jones names a. N. 1
M. H. Jones names a. N. 2
Time: 2:37-2:50-3:01.

THE ISKANDERON AND GRANE RAILROAD.

A paper on Syria was read by Dr. RAPHAEL before a well attended meeting of the Geographical Society on Thursday night. The learned Rabbi gave at great length the physical features of the Holy Land and Syria. In alluding to the Egyptian Expedition to the Dead Sea, he said that perhaps it owed its origin to the judgment of a righteous God. Turning to Arabia, he spoke of the Wahabite wars and bewailed the narrow limits of our knowledge with regard to this country of a million square miles, in spite of the heroic attempts of Backus and Burton. Only a regular exploring expedition, dispatched by government and protected by an authority could open that country to us. The Syrian desert was called El Hamed, which signified the desirable. The root appeared in the names Ahmed and Mohammed. 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